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25X1X Military Installations in the Northern Section of the Moscow MD

<u>Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Yaroslavl (N57-35, E39-50)	Summer of 1949.	AA positions.	Northeast of the city, about 400 meters north of the railroad bridge over the Volga River.	About six heavy AA guns of about 80 mm were observed in improved positions. Sol- diers worked on the cons- truction of pillboxes be- tween the positions and the railroad line. New gun emplacements were seen being improved north of the position. Eight heavy AA guns were set up in a line not far from the emplace- ments. Six wooden canton- ment buildings were located near the new emplacements. The bridge site was guarded by barbed wire on both banks. From 20 to 30 guns were stored on the western bank, at a distance of several hundred meters from the Volga River.	25X1X
	Prior to July 1948.	Three cantonment buildings with dark roofs, about 100 meters long; set up in an open rectangle.	Southern sector of the city, on the west side of Moscow Street and north of the Mos- cow railroad station.	It was common knowledge that the billets housed an officers' school. Detachments of about 50 junior lieutenants were frequently observed march- ing out of the billets.	25X1X
Gorkiy (N53-20, E44-00)	Prior to June 1948.	Tank training ground.	Northwest of the city, in the woods between Gorkiy and Balakhna (N56-28, E43-38).	As late as June 1948, about 50 tanks with bogie wheels and track-supporting rol- lers were observed to be stored near a large tent	25X1X

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camp. The terrain was deeply imprinted by tank tracks. The soldiers wore tank insignia on their epaulets. No permanent billets were observed.

Occupied by a tank unit of undetermined size. One T-34 tank was seen in the city.

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Dzerzhinsk (N56-15, E43-2h) Prior to September 1949.

Barracks installation of three multi-story brick buildings.

North of the city, outside the built-up area.

Pokrov area (N55-55, E39-10) Prior to the fall of 1947.

Ordnance depot, of one headquarters building, eight officers' billets, three wooden cantonment buildings, several workshops, and one fire brigade house, located in the southwestern section; and five storehouses, 45x12 meters, and a loading ramp with a railroad spur in the northeastern section. The entire installation was enclosed by a wire fence which also ran between the two sections.

In the woods six km southwest of Pokrov and directly east of the town of Usad (not indicated on the map, scale 1:300,000), which adjoins a railroad stop to the east.

Col. Levi (phonetic spelling) (fnn) was in charge of the installation. The personnel of about 500 men was organized in three companies. The soldiers wore bright-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black cap bands. Not less than 500 guns of the former German Armed Forces, including light and heavy AA guns, AT guns, and field guns up to heavy howitzers were stored, by size, in the open under trees. All guns were overhauled, painted, blocked up, and covered with canvas. Whenever the construction of a storehouse was completed, German light arms and miscellaneous equipment were stored there. Prior to the fall of 1947, new shipments of weapons, all of which were ready for use, came in constantly. Minor repair work was done at the depot. Source observed neither the distribution nor outgoing shipments of weapons.

Volokolamsk area (N56-02, E35-57) Prior to October 1949.

Restricted area.

Wooded area, about ten km southeast of Volokolamsk, south of the Moscow-Rzhev road.

The wooded terrain was marked as a restricted area by off-limits signs. Only individuals holding a special authorization were supposed to enter the restricted area. One Soviet engineer battalion of 350 men, who were employed at two sawmills and unloaded building materials, was billeted in two camps at the edge of the

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woods, about two km south of Goryuni (W55-00, E36-06). Between May and October 1949, one to three trains loaded with building materials such as iron rods, cement, etc., entered the restricted area daily. Source was temporarily assigned to a geologists' party, whose mission in this area was the discovery of certain types of gravel which were to be used for concrete construction. According to Soviet workers, a restricted zone, 15 to 20 km wide, was being established around Moscow at a distance of 80 to 100 km from the center of the city. It was envisaged as the outer defensive ring of Moscow. Other PWs told source that they had observed large wood camps and cantonments, including extensive storage bunkers and potato storage cellars, under construction outside the city proper of Moscow. These were to serve as alternate quarters for the population of Moscow.